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HEROIC HARRY EILERS. How a Brave Young Gunner's Mate Paved the Cruiser Philadelphia.

It is not every ship in the navy that phia has one of whom the ship's com-pany is proud. Young, fair-haired and handsome. Harry Eilers a gunner's handsome, Harry Eilers, a gunner's mate, has proved his worth in a moment of the greatest danger, and by his coolness and bravery saved not only his own life but those of his four hundred ipmates. It was at Baltimore, while the sham bombardment of Fort Mo-Henry was in progress. The big broad-side guns of the cruiser were belching flame and smoke in mimic war-

Young Eilers was down deep in the vessel's hold superintending the hoist-ing of ammunition. With him were four or five men to help him to do the

fare. Officers and crew were at quar-



work. They were busily engaged to the magazine when the premature exszine when the premature explosion of a powder charge in the after starboard gun on the upper deck ter-ribly injured the officer in command and three or four members of the gun's crew. Fragments of the burning canvas which wrapped the powder charge fell upon the chute into the small iron compartment where the men were at work and where tons of powder and hundreds of shells were stowed. Instant destruction was threatened. If the fire communicated to the powder the ship would be blown up and every living soul on board instantly hurled It was a time for heroism, but all but

one of the men started on the run for the upper deck, shouting: "Fire in the after magazine!" Alone and unaided young Harry Eilers remained at his post, the flames all about him, fighting the fire with his naked hands. Death stared him in the face, but he did not hesitate and he succeeded in smothering the last spark that remained. He stood at his post of duty until the ex-citement on deck had subsided and he was regularly relieved. Then he went on deck to master with his division at quarters. The ship was saved.

BOAT WITH A HISTORY.

Trading Vessel, Slave Dhow and Finally A little vessel having a remarkable Hence there appeared in two or three

history has plied for years on Lake poorly printed and worse arranged Tanganyika. Her story illustrates the progress in that region from savagery oward civilization. The boat known as the Calabach was originally a huge tree trunk, cut down by the axes of the natives with enormous labor, and then, with ax and adse and fire, moided into shape. Boots like the Calabash are excellent sea vessels, though in their lines

On one of her voyages, after she had served as a trading cance for two years, she entered the port of Ujiji, where she she entered the port of Ujiji, where she trader. For three years she plied back forth across the lake, bringing car-



goes of wretched men, women and children to the Ujiji slave market. One day a load of slaves had just been landed on the shore when Mr. Here, who had recently come to Uliii as an agent of the London Missionary society, saw the little craft and decided that she was just about what he needed for exploratory voyages around the lake. He suced in purchasing her, and the little boat was once more launched upon Tanganyika. Consecrated to the cause e she became known in time to every tribe around the lake as the harsinger of good will.

Lake Tangacyika, as it appears on pany's letter paper. our maps to-day, is the result of these surveys which Mr. Hore carried out on the Calabash. His survey is the best young cowboys vainly trying to drive that has yet been made of the lake. He paddled and sailed along the shores, every day seeing a grand panorama of own lands and new tribes. By careful measurement and observations, lake and the names of the bordering countries were marked on the map of

The Fight or, The Story? Kiljordan (with ten-pound pickerel)-Grindstone, ain't this a beauty? Caught It myself. What do you think of it? Grindstone Looks fishy, Kiljordan. Looks fishy. - Chicago Tribune.

Quoted Too Low. Alas! For though I loved Miss Flo,

I cannot think of mating.
Fee looked it up and, sh: I know
What is her father's rating.
—Chicago News Record. His Interpretation.

Johnny-Mamma thinks I should live

Johnny Yes. She thinks I should be seen, not heard -N. Y. Herald.

A Threat. "I hear bandits are holding your boy Peter for ransom." "No," returned the banker. "They threaten to send him back if I don't pay. I shall pay."-Puck.

HER LETTERS.

I'm settin' all alone to-day,
Jes' dorin' like, the time away,
An' thinkin' of a face—but here
I'll stop right short, fer I don't keer
To open up a lonesome heart
Wot's ben long closed, an' kind o' start
These weak old eyes to leak again—
Because at three score years an' ten,
A feller'd better look ahead
An' let the buried past stay dead.
But—then again—it seems, you know,
To a pore lonely chap ez though
He couldn't keep his thoughts away
F'om wand'rin' back to some lest day,
An' strayin' through the sun-lit alsies
O' long age, 'at, miles on miles,
Stretch their beckonin' gleams o' light
To sort o' choer the gloom o' night

Stretch their beckonin' gleams o' light
To sort o' cheer the gloom o' mght
Wet setties round a feller when
His almanick sen: "Three soors test
An' so, I take this bun'ls up
An' kind o' fill my ole heart's oup
Tel it slops o'er an' pears to float
A lump o' sumthin' to my throat,
'At sticks right there, untel soft tears
Washes it down the len'th'nin' years.
An' so, I read her letters o'er—
The once she writ to me afors

An' so, I read her letters o'er—
The once she writ to me afore
Those fait'rin' han's hed got so weak,
An' fore the roses in her cheek
Bowed to the joilus lily's reign,
En' es I read them lines again,
I 'prar to see a sad, sweet face
Cum from the gloom, an' fill the pince
Where I sit all alone, to-day,
Jes' dorin' like, the time away!
—N. Y. World.

HE colonel had a theory. It was to the effect that nearly all the

can be transacted as well by proxy as in person. He ran his Boston office on that principle. During office hours he remained in his office, but the hours were few. Telephone wires connected the store with his home; a pneumatic tube connected every room of both store and house with every other room, and two messenger boys were on duty twenty hours a day-ten hours each.

When the colonel became interested in western investments it was natural that he should carry his theory into the matter. He organized the Trask Cettle Co. (limited), with himself, Col. Track, president and manager, and then coolly informed the directors that he did not propose to visit the scene of operations, western Kansas, at all. "It can be managed just as well by correspondence," he insisted, "and I'll advertise for a superintendent at once."

Col. Trask was only forty, he was wealthy and prosperous and his associates concluded to let him have his own

prairie papers this notice:

WANTED — AN ENERGETIC SUPERIN-tendent for a cattle ranch. A deposit of 800 required as evidence of fidelity. Address D. M. Trasic, Beaton, Mass. One answer so impressed him by its vigorous language and its bold, manly chirography, that the colonel consid-

ered no other, and J. C. Selton was enthey suggest rather a clumsy hippopota-mus than a swan.

The colonel's theory was carried so

> than that told of in the reports. The colonel's eyes kindled as he read them and he dictated gorgeous paraphrases

of them to be sent in circular form to the syndicate's stockholders. "One would think you had a sweetheart out west by the way you pore

over those letters," said his mother one day.
"I have," replied Track, "I'm in love

with this fellow Selton. He does write magnificent letters, and is making us money, too. I'm going out to see him

He kept his promise, and ten days later the express train let off at the little western Kanses station an elegantly dressed gentleman who looked little regretfully at the Pullman car be had just left.

Grainville was not exactly what he had anticipated. His ideas had been formed from the boom newspapers oc-casionally sent him by Selton. It looked ill-kempt, straggling, ragged.

Nor did the ranch of the Trask Cattle Company exactly agree with the voluptuous accounts he had sent out to the stockholders. There was an expanse of green prairie, long reaches of barb wire, and over there a rambling corral with headquarters cabin of three or four rooms, unpainted and rather rough in appearance.

The colon el read over one door, "J. C. Selton, superintendent." "Guesa I'll go in," he said aloud, and lifted the latch. The room was empty, except for a cheap table littered with the com-

At that moment there was a ory fer help outside, and he turned to see two

bluffs of a little stream. "That will suit me," thought the colonel, pulling off his cost. "I used to drive home the cows from the pasmonth after month, the outlines of the ture on father's old farm down in Pennsylvania, and I'd like no better fun

He mounted a pony hitched to the corral and rode beside one of the herd-

ers. "Where's the superintendent?" he began.

"Want some help?"

"Yes, go over there an' head 'em off." Trask touched his horse with the spurs and found himself in front of two hundred very threatening looking

What was that, the crack of a pistol? His horse started at the sound and he

maw the smoke floating away from the weapon in the cowboy's hand. Whether the man did it out of meanness or really thought that by the shot he could control the actions of the cat-

tle Trask did not have time to consider. His pony reared and turned until no more control of the animal was possibla. He had carried his rider far to the right of the herd when a sudden arching of the back ("bucking" in western

lying on the prairie with a keen pain darting through his ankle. The pony was racing away westward. Col. Trask did not faint. He sat up

and looked about him and saw some-thing that made him far more anxious than had the broken ankle.

A man and a horse when combined are invincible among western cattle.

A man or a horse alone has little chance of life. The brutes seem to consider either a legitimate target for the slender branching borns that are capable of so much damage.

The cattle saw the man sitting help-

less on the prairie and were starting with bellows of rage in his direction This the colonel realized. What he

did not see was the form of a wellpoised woman on a handsome white horse that approached the cowboys. She wore a graceful riding-hat and had a strong womanly face that told of a capability for management.

"Who is that man out there?" she asked, as she saw Trask struggling with his frightened pony.
"I dunno," was the herder's reply.
"Some dude 's thinks he kin herd

l'exas steers, I reckon." "Look!" she cried, "he has fallen off and is hurt—and the cattle see him!"

The herder looked on with unconcern

asked with blanched lips.

The man gave a shrug with his broad shoulders and grunted the favorite notto of the ranchman: "A man's life

is his own." The woman looked intently at Track and seeing that he was in some way in jured, threw riding hat and gloves to the wind and plunging the spur into her horse until the silky white cost was fleeked with red, rode furiously to the

The herder watched the race with staring eyes. The woman gained rapidly upon the trotting steers, but would she reach the stranger in time? In a moment she was up to him and had leaped to the ground by his side. With almost superhuman strength she lifted his relaxed form and threw is ever the saddle. Trask had fainted. The angry cattle were not five rods

away as with a bound she sprang to the horse's back, and, holding the limp stranger with one hand, lashed the horse with the other until they were out of danger.

whispered as soon as he could speak. and low.

"The superintendent." "I am the superintendent." "But I want J. C. Selton."

Weak as he was, Trask raised him-

told it is, you certainly have." The colonel mused much over his theory's working during those days in the cabin as he watched the workings of the ranch and waited for h is broken limb to heal. As he considered how



"SHE LIFTED HIS BELAXED FORM.

well things were managed and how his life had been almost miraculously saved he was not entirely satisfied that the

His friend, Richards, vice president of the company, accompanied him when a few months later the colonel made another western trip.

"Blest if I don't think Track has solately back and forth smoking, on the night of their arrival at the canch.

Just then he rounded the corner of

for want of something better to say. "No," replied the colonel, in an en We are to be married to-morrow.' C. M. HARGER

battle of Fontenoy, at the time Saxe was marshal. forget it," said the colonel to Pat.

father a miller?" Who goes there?" cried the sentinel, after he arrived at the post.

Pat looked as confident as possible and, in a sort of whispered howl, re "Bags, yer honor."-The Grip-

o ask her if the report is true.-N. Y.



"Say, you call me a dude again and

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room of the superintendent. He lay on a rude couch, and the tail, well-formed lady he had seen riding toward him was

"I would like to see Mr. Selton," he "See whom?" Her voice was soft

"That is my name."

elf up in bed. "And have I been doing business through you all this time?" he gasped.
"If your name is Mr. Track, as I am



mighty big interest in that woman au-

perintendent, Jessie Selton," he rearked to himself, as he walked discon-'He has not spoken two words to me

the building. There was the colenel and beside him the superintendent. His arm was around her walst. "Your proxy theory doesn't always work, Trask." stammered Richards,

barrassed manner, "not in this case.

Pat's Password. Lover tells a good anecdote of an Irishman giving the password at the

The password is Saxe: now don't "Faix, and I will not Wasn't my

Foggs-Hello, old man, I hear that on are to marry Miss Duton. Trotter-So did I. I'm going up now

A WILD DAND(T)LION

your epitaph will be made chiefly of two things-pause(s) and clause(s)."-

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Youth of This Country. It Saps the Merals of Young and Old and Is Filling Our Jails with Those Corrupted by Its Influ-

It is said that poolroom gambling does more injury than all the faro banks and other institutions for gambling put together. When a but he may prefer to engage somebody man has once been sumtten with for that job. The cashiers and accountants are all sporting men themselves, and they receive such good more. It destroys his morals. The wages for only three or four hours' toil vice is fairly understining the youth of four days in the week. It should furthis country. No wonder that de- ther be mentioned that the bookmaker tectives are commonly engaged by large quent them. The most trusted employe, once attacked by the frenzy, is no longer to be counted upon. est in his work relayer and there is no telling when he will begin to steal in for the gratification of the passion For the "benefit" of clerks and others who are engaged during the day there has recently been arranged in St. Louis a scheme for racing from eight p. m. to twelve p. m. The races in the daytime are supplemented by races at night These nocturnal contests are watched and gambled on in cities all over the union, says the Washington Star.

Before long it may be expected that In former times people were obliged to go somewhat out of their way in order to obtain an opportunity to play away their money, but the races bring the luxury of gambling within easy reach of all, and even the women have adopted the vice to an alarming extent. Many business men, who most anxiously discourage such indulgence by their employes, are themselves plungers, and there are not a few such in New York who often carry from twenty to forty thousand dollars in their pockets for investment in horses, thinking nothing of venturing ten thousand dollars on a single race. Compared with this form of gambling the Louisiana lottery was a harmless institution. It is claimed that it is demoralizing the people from the highest to the lowest, and the time may yet arrive when national as well as state legislation will of necessity be resorted to for the suppression of the

Say that one finds one hundred bookmakers on a course on a race day. Each of them pays one hundred dollars a day for his privilege. In addition to this the racing association which owns the track gets five per cent. commission on every ticket sold. It also gets the profit on the sale of programmes at ten cents each, which is a big item when fifteen to twenty thousand people are present. The bar and eating privileges are sold at high figures, and from twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars a season is paid in by the telegraph company for its privilege. Racing is to the telegraph company a great source of income. This can readily be comprehended when t is considered what an enormous quantity of telegraphic matter is sent out from the tracks to the pool rooms and elsewhere all over the Dispatches are flowing over the wire in a continuous stream, reporting each race at all stages of its progress, from start to finish, and this is only a part of the electric correspondence that is transmitted.

The expenses of a bookmaker in active practice are great. To begin with, as has been said, be must pay one hun-

dred dollars a day to the race track for his privilege. He is obliged to employ day, one of them a "sheet writer," whose business it is to register each bet made in duplicate, while the other writes the tickets. This kind of work requires great skill, inesmuch as prices are changing every minute, and the may presently drop to nothing. Be-sides these men the bookmaker must have a cashier at fifteen dollars a day. who has charge of the money box. Or-dinarily he challes the price up himself, needs two or three messengers, who deal of money on supplies in the way of stationery, etc., which are all manuman, who has obtained from the racing clubs what is effectively a monop-

Notwithstanding these big exper it is observable generally that book-makers wear diamond shirt studs, occupy boxes when they go to the theaters, and are accompanied on such occasion by handsome and beautifully dressed women. In short, they are "high rollers," and well they can afford to be, in smuch as their expenses are paid and the cost of their extravagant living is liquidated mostly by poor clerks and other people to whom even small losses by gambling signify distress. It is the latter who contribute mainly to the maintenance of the race tracks, into which such a tremendous stream of money flows, derived from a million petty sources and carrying with it the pitiful earnings of the shop boy, together with the squanderings of the spend-thrift on the high road to dishonor.

Curious Natural Baron One of the most remarkable produc nons of the isles of Chileo is the cele brated "barometer trees," which grow in great profusion in all of the salt narshes. In dry weather the bark of this natural barometer is as smooth and white as that of a sycamore, but with the near approach of storms these characteristics vanish like magic and the bark turns black. He Reasoned It Out.

"Are you fellow going to play base-ball again next season?" asked one amail 'Yes," replied the other. "I've got a name fer yer club." "What?"

"What for?"

"Cos yer such bum throwers."-Wash-Hard Luck. "What has happened to you? You "I should say so. This morning I

was just going to be very angry about something when some one spoke to me, and I have been trying the whole day to think what I was going to be angry about, and I can't do it."-Texas Sift-

Mother (sitting down just as the train starts)-Oh, would you mind changing seats with me, sir? My baby wants to

have been saving the seat for him for

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BURIAL PLACE OF GIANTS.

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covery - Evidences of an Extinct Tribe of Very Large America still going on. This necropolis of long these remains were found calls to mind ago is filled with excited hunters of a tradition often related by his grandcurios and scientific students from Wabash college almost continually, and become part of departments of arch-

which are being established all over the city. The last akeleton taken from the burial ground was a gigantic one, measuring seven feet in length. The femur alone would prove that the skeleton was that of a giant, and the pelvic bones are twice as large as those of erdinary man. The grinning skull of the giant had a perfect set of teeth, not one cracked or decayed, and with an snamel as beautiful as polished marble. The bones were perfect in every detail. notwithstanding the fact that they must have been interred here for centuries. The entire absence of vegetable matter in the soil and the perfect drainage would account for the preservation of

the bony structure. Of the whole number of skeletons thus far found only two indicate immature development, the remainder representing the framework of a race of men evidently extinct for centuries. This is certainly the first discovery of skeletons in which the characteristic development of giants has been observed. It is thought by local scientists that these bones belong to a tribe of aborigines, but this theory cannot be fully established by the material structure of the skeleton.

ments were found buried with the bones, yet in close proximity many inutensils were found. They are mostly composed of stone, though some are composed of copper and a few of shell scepe. bone. The stone implements are fint spears and arrow heads, and appear Babbisombe, Eng., was murriered and to be wrought with exceeding great robbed and her servant a man named skill. Pottery is found in great abundance. For many years specimens of these pots have been unearthed in this times subjected to the ordeal of hang-

most part piled together in one conglom- innocence has since been established. erate mass. Ten were found in one and he has been released. place in close contact, facing the set-

oliteness). With pleasure, madam. I ty years ago a tree was uprooted on this himself, for whose murder Scariet was save been saving the seat for him for same spot, exposing three skeletons of on trial, appeared in court and was said an hour. Life.

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emeath the tree, it must have sprung up long after the bodies were buried. Gen. Lew Wallace says he remembers A rich archeological find was recently unearthed two miles west of Crawfordsville in a gravel pit along the high bluffs of Sugar creek. Thus far twenty-five skeletons of Brobding nagian stature have been exhumed, and the unburying of these mammoth bones is and the owner of the land on which

buried here in the long, long ago, when as soon as removed from the gravel the country was a wilderness and Chi-their rattling bones are carried away to | cago a barren waste of impenetrable are in prospect, for there is not a foot of the soil removed that does not contain

father that a Spanish treasure had been

"The Daily Bread is a good paper

work on, isn't it?" said the reporter with the checkered trousers. "Yes," replied the reporter with the loud watch chain, "but it's peculiar. Just as sure as a man gets to doing good work and becomes worth some-thing it fires him. I've been on that paper mighty near ten years," he added, retrespectively, "and I never knew it to keep a fellow that was worth a continental longer than about six months. That is, I—er—"Chi-

cago Tribuna SOME NARROW ESCAPES. ore Established Under the ID

prominent farmer of Tama county, in, disappeared, and it was thought that he had been murdered. The county paid out quite a sum of money trying to find his whereabouts, and there were a large number of Hohn's neighbors in grand jury, sought to get several repot-able farmers around whom circum-stance and thrown suspicion indicted. They would have been indicted but for the arrival of Hohn himself on the

region, especially along the banks of the creek.

None of these skeletons was found in a separate grave, they being for the muted to penal servitude for life. His

Not a great while ago Jim Scarlet ting sun and arranged in a sitting was on trial at Bonham. Tex. charged posture. Many of the bones found with killing Andrew Lecelleid in 18-2. farther down the bank, and in a soil in At the preceding term of the district which there was more vegetable matter, court Scarlet was sentenced to hang. crumbled to dost as soon as exposed to but owing to a technicality in reader single bone could not be distinguished. a new trial. At the second trial, after Many traditions have been brought a good share of the evidence was inok out of the window.

Out since this discovery. One old set- troduced, which extend to establish Mr. Haren Hartford (with sareastic tier has called to mind the fact that fif- the guilt of Scarlet, Andrew Lacefield